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In re Application of:

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For: CLAMPING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated December 17, 1999, in the above application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application in accordance with the following particulars.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-13, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 14-33 as shown in the attached APPENDIX OF CLAIMS.

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